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**WEED FREE FORAGE AND MULCH CERTIFICATION BY STATE  
EASTERN REGION / USFS**

**Document Purpose:** The purpose of this document is to provide a list of resources and information to facilitate restoration activities and to reduce the threat of invasive species in management activities of federal agencies. The Midwest Natural Resources Group Great Lakes Terrestrial Invasive Species Committee encourages you to use this information to reduce the threat of invasive species within your immediate program, office, or management unit. If you have any additional comments or suggestions to this document please submit them to the document contact below.

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## **WEED FREE FORAGE AND MULCH CERTIFICATION BY STATE EASTERN REGION / USFS SUMMARY (2/21/07)**

### **Program summary:**

- Individual state-level Crop Improvement Programs are based on a program developed by the North American Weed Management Association (NAWMA) which developed the North American Weed Free Forage Standards. Their standards have been adopted throughout the western US, some eastern and southern states, and Canada.
- Each state's standards include a list of weeds which cannot be present in fields at the time of the inspection. The weed list typically contains a state's noxious weeds as well as all the weeds listed in the NAWMA standards. (Certification costs are typically charged on a per acre basis for field inspection plus a fee for the tags, etc.) Weed species may be added to the inspection list and included as supplemental information to the NAWMA certification. This is of special interest to Eastern Region Forests as some of the Forest NNIP/ Non-native Invasive plants are not on the state's noxious weed list.
- The state's website may include forms needed to apply for inspections as well as a directory of producers. Certified products must be purchased from the producers - the state's program does not own the product and supplies vary as producers sell them.
- Progress has been made; these forage and mulch products are now certified within a number of Eastern Region states. If a state does not have a program a neighboring state may have these certified products. The weed species disallowed will vary by state.

### **US Forest Service Directives:**

- Element 1 / Prevention within the *National Strategy and Implementation Plan for Invasive Species Management* (Oct. 2004) directs the USFS to actively seek to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species into U.S. forest and rangeland ecosystems. The desire for weed free hay is specifically mentioned in this document.
- The USFS *Non-native Invasive Species Framework for Plants and Animals in the Eastern Region* identifies the need to use NNIS free materials, such as forage and mulch, on Forests.

### **Links:**

- North American Weed Free Forage Program (NAWMA)  
**[http://www.nawma.org/documents/Weed%20Free%20Forage/WFF\\_Standards.html](http://www.nawma.org/documents/Weed%20Free%20Forage/WFF_Standards.html)**
- Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies (AOSCA)  
**<http://aosca.org/about.html>**
- Federal Noxious Weed list  
**<http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=Federal>**
- State and federal composite list of all US noxious weeds  
**<http://www.plants.usda.gov/java/noxComposite>**
- State noxious weed reports  
**<http://www.plants.usda.gov/java/noxiousDriver>**
- North American Weed Management Association (NAWMA)  
**[http://www.nawma.org/title\\_page.html](http://www.nawma.org/title_page.html)**

## **CERTIFIED WEED FREE FORAGE AND MULCH**

### **Summary by selected Eastern States:**

#### **Arkansas**

- No Program
- Contact
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=05>

#### **Connecticut**

- No Program
- Contact
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=09>

#### **Illinois**

- **Program**  
IL Crop Improvement Association (ICIA) is now authorized through the North American Weed Management Association (NAWMA) to offer a program for Certified Weed Free Forage and Mulch
- **Contact**  
Doug Miller Field Service Director / IL Crop Improvement Association  
Ph: 217 359 4053 Fax: 217 359 4075 [dmiller@ilcrop.com](mailto:dmiller@ilcrop.com) [www.ilcrop.com](http://www.ilcrop.com)
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=17>

#### **Indiana**

- **Program**  
IN Crop Improvement Association (ICIA) is now authorized through the North American Weed Management Association (NAWMA) to offer a program for Certified Weed Free Forage and Mulch
- **Contact**  
Alan Galbreth  
Ph: 866 899 2518 [icia@indianacrop.org](mailto:icia@indianacrop.org)  
<http://www.indianacrop.org/weedfreestandards.htm>  
Joe Deford  
Ph: 765 430 7775
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=18>

#### **Iowa**

- **Program**  
The Iowa Crop Improvement Association (ICIA) has initiated steps to provide for the certification of weed free hay and mulch for Iowa producers. The ICIA is the designated official seed-certifying agency in Iowa and has also been designated as the agency to conduct a Noxious Weed Seed Free Forage and Mulch Certification Agency in Iowa by the Iowa Department of Agriculture.

- **Contact**  
Iowa Crop Improvement Association 4611 Mortensen Rd., Suite 101 Ames, Iowa  
50014-6228 Ph: 515 294 6921 iowacrop@iastate.edu  
<http://www.ipm.iastate.edu/ipm/icm/2006/4-3/program.html>  
[http://www.agron.iastate.edu/icia/Forage\\_Mulch.htm](http://www.agron.iastate.edu/icia/Forage_Mulch.htm)
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=19>

### **Kentucky**

- No Program
- Contact
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=21>

### **Maine**

- No Program
- Contact
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=23>

### **Maryland**

- No Program
- Contact
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=24>

### **Massachusetts**

- No Program
- Contact
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=25>

### **Michigan**

- **Program**  
Michigan's certification program for noxious weed seed free forage and mulch has been approved by NAWMA and is based on their requirements.
- **Contact**  
Randy Judd Michigan Crop Improvement Association (MCIA) Manager  
Ph: 517 332 3546 Fax: 517 332 9301 [juddr@michcrop.com](mailto:juddr@michcrop.com) [info@michcrop.com](mailto:info@michcrop.com)
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=26>

### **Minnesota**

- **Program**  
MCIA has been designated under the MN Noxious Weed Law as the official Noxious Forage and Mulch Certification Agency in MN. MCIA standards comply with the NAWMA standards developed by the Regional Weed Free Forage Committee of NAWMA.

- **Contact**  
Gary Beil, MCIA Manager  
h: 612 625 7766  
Ph: 1 800 510 6242; 612 625 7766 Fax: 612 625 3748 mncia@tc.umn.edu  
<http://www.michcrop.com/title.asp>  
Ben Lang, Manager, Field Services MCPA  
Ph: 320 235 5677 Fax: 320 231 2651 bjlang@willmar.com
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=27>
- **Comments**  
The MN Dept. of transportation is now requiring the use of certified mulch for roadside revegetation projects.

### Missouri

- **Program**  
Missouri's certification program for noxious weed seed free forage and mulch has been approved by NAWMA and is based on their requirements.
- **Contact**  
Richard Arnett, Executive Director, Missouri Crop Improvement Association  
3211 Lemone Industrial Blvd. Columbia, MO 65201-8245  
Ph: 573 449 0586 Fax: 573 874 3193 moseed@aol.com  
<http://www.moseed.org/WeedFreeForage.htm>
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://www.plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=29>

### New Hampshire

- No program
- Contact
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://www.plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=33>

### New York

- No Program
- **Contact**  
Alan Westra, Manager – New York Seed Improvement Project  
103C Leland Lab, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853  
Ph: 607 255 9869 Fax: 607 255 9048 aaw4@cornell.edu
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
No state list

### North Dakota

- No Program
- Contact
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=38>

### **Ohio**

- **Program**  
Ohio's certification program for noxious weed seed free forage and mulch has been approved by NAWMA and is based on their requirements.
- **Contact**  
John Armstrong, Manager - Ohio Seed Improvement Association  
6150 Avery Rd. Box 477, Dublin, Ohio 43017  
Ph: 614 889 1136 Fax: 614 889 8979 osia@ohseed.org www.ohseed.org
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://www.plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=39>

### **Pennsylvania**

- No Program
- Contact
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://www.plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=42>

### **South Dakota**

- No Program
- Contact
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://www.plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=46>

### **Tennessee**

- No program
- Contact
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://www.plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=47>

### **Vermont**

- No program
- Contact
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://www.plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=50>

### **Virginia**

- No program
- Contact
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://www.plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=54>

### **West Virginia**

- No program
- **Contact**  
Gary Gibson, Director for Plant Industries/ Division of WV Dept. of Agriculture  
Ph: 304 558 2212

- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://www.plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=54>
- **Comments**  
WV is not able to champion this program at this time.

### **Wisconsin**

- **Program**  
WI Crop Improvement Association (ICIA) is now authorized through the North American Weed Management Association (NAWMA) to offer a program for Certified Weed Free Forage and Mulch
- **Contact**  
Eugene R. Amberson/ WI Crop Improvement Association  
554 More Hall, UW, 1575 Linden Dr., Madison, WI 53706-1597  
Ph: 608 262 0167 wcia@mhub.agronomy.wisc.edu Fax: 608 262 0210  
<http://www.wisc.edu/wcia/>
- **State Noxious Weeds**  
<http://www.plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=55>
- **Comments**  
As of 2007 the WI Crop Improvement Assoc. Certified Mulch Directory lists 6 sources/ farmers for these products.